

## ***FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET***

**Meeting Date:** January 19, 2012

**Agenda Item:** Legislative Priorities

**Division:** Management and Finance

**Action Needed:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Approval of Tentative Rule**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Approval of Final Rule/Action**

  X   **Endorse Course of Action**

\_\_\_\_\_ **None - information only**

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:**

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**Background** (Brief description of the issue, decision to be made, history, etc.):

The Executive Planning Process (EPP), coordinated through the Governor's Office, is ready to begin for the 2013 Legislative Session. FWP's internal process involves establishing priorities that will drive preparation of proposed legislation and budgets. The Commission's role at this time is to review and approve the agency's priorities. Between January and June, the Department will develop legislation and budgets based on the approved priorities. We will return in June for Commission approval of the budget proposal and recommended legislation.

**Public Involvement Process & Results** (Brief description of the type of public involvement and summary of what we heard from the public):

No formal public process is undertaken directly related to legislative priorities. However, the broad priorities are based on FWP's ongoing dialogue with constituents and regional citizen advisory councils. The public is also afforded the opportunity to comment on budget and legislative proposals through the Commission meeting process.

**Alternatives and Analysis** (Brief description of alternative solutions with analysis of the pros and cons of each):

The Commission can approve or suggest modifications to the agency's proposed legislative priorities. The Department will make every effort to implement these priorities based on Commission approval, executive direction, and the long-term benefits to the agency.

**Agency Recommendation & Rationale** (Brief description of our recommendation to the Commission and the reasons for it):

The department recommends the Commission approve the legislative priorities as presented.

**Proposed Motion** (Draft language the Commission could use to adopt the agency recommendation):

I move the Commission approve the legislative priorities as presented.